

1-3-1955

Evangelical Visitor - January 03, 1955 Vol. LXVIII. No. 1

J.N. Hostetter

Follow this and additional works at: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor>Part of the [History of Religion Commons](#), and the [Religion Commons](#)Permanent URL: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/1684>**Recommended Citation**Hostetter, J.N., "Evangelical Visitor - January 03, 1955 Vol. LXVIII. No. 1" (1955). *Evangelical Visitor (1887-1999)*. 1684.<https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/1684>

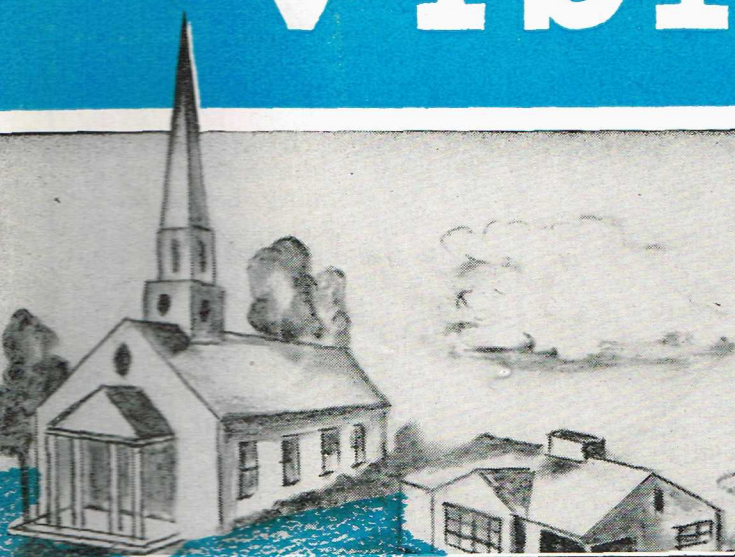
Sharpening Intellect | Deepening Christian Faith | Inspiring Action

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

Evangelical Visitor

January 3, 1955

Vol. LXVIII, No. 1



LINKING MAN TO THE IMMUTABLE



VOICE OF THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH

1955

We have become so accustomed to writing 1954 that it will be common with each of us to repeatedly say and write "1954" while in the process of getting adjusted to a new year.

This gigantic universe has made another journey and we who go with it are now starting to go the rounds that God has established and we know and speak of as time.

Before the cycle of time makes the circle again, many of us who are here today will be gone. Many thousands of new-born babes, some under favorable conditions, many more, amid squalor, filth and privation, will begin the journey with time that goes from here to an unending eternity.

Men can chisel away part of the mountain, move it here and there and build high-speed express ways, develop sea-going vessels that ride the waves and compass the earth. They have made the flying luxury liner that goes through the heavens and circles the globe in a matter of hours. In fact, the inventions of men are indicative of intelligence that only God could endow upon man.

And yet, man stands helpless and limp in face of the movements of Father Time. Gray hairs come, wrinkles appear, stooped shoulders are in evidence and eventually as part of the course of life, we succumb and move with time into eternity. —J.N.H.

Redeeming the Time

My attitude toward a twenty-four hour period of time known as a day, is most significant. It indicates whether I consider life important or merely a routine that aimlessly makes the rounds and exists for little or no purpose.

To make the year meaningful to us as Christians, certain spiritual attitudes need to be a constant part of our daily living.

HUMILITY

Probably no one sin hinders effective living to a greater degree than pride. It has so many forms and disguises itself so subtly that its presence frequently goes unnoticed. It lurks amid achievement, it parades with so called piety and endangers the effectiveness of holiness.

The promises of God are not to the good, able or pious folks. In contrast, God's promises abound toward those who are of an humble

spirit. "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted and he that exalteth himself shall be abased." "If my people that are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, then will I hear from heaven . . ." There are some Christians who hesitate to pray the prayer which Jesus taught to his disciples. They dislike and object to the phrase "forgive us our debts as we forgive those who are indebted unto us." The objection is based on an assumption of holy living that needs no forgiveness. Every Christian should remember that there are sins of omission and commission, and that under the law what we classify as mistakes were termed sins of ignorance and as such, required sacrifices for their atonement. Whatever needed to be atoned for under the law needs to be forgiven under grace.

REPENTANCE

The word "repent" is used quite frequently in chapters two and three of the book of the Revelation. Five of the seven churches are called to repentance. Sins ranging from the leaving of one's first love to the most flagrant sins against society are rebuked and repentance urgently requested.

In the Old Testament, repentance was the alternative to doom and judgment, while in the New Testament repentance is associate with service. Such a statement as "repent or else I will come quickly and remove thy candlestick out of its place," gives the ultimatum that unconfessed sin is the forerunner to being of no further use to God and His kingdom. This is true both as it relates to a church or the individual.

The more our concepts of sin and sinfulness come into agreement with God's holiness, the more inclined we will be toward a penitent attitude and an humble spirit.

Some will suggest that this writer does not believe in victory over sin. To this we do agree that much so-called holiness does not produce holy living. And then, probably the saddest comment about the Christian Church, and could be aimed rather directly at so called holiness churches, is the pitifully small number of souls that are responding to programs of evangelism. Too bad if perchance candlesticks have been removed and churches go on as though all was well.

If 1955 is characterized by humility and repentance, the promise is ours that God will visit us, answer prayer and pour forth His blessings.

—J.N.H.

Editorial Goals for 1955

1. Exaltation—Exalt God as Creator and designer of eternal salvation. Exalt Christ as God's anointed One and the perfect sacrifice for sin. Exalt the Holy Spirit, as God's omnipotent power, as such—the power of regeneration, transformation and for victorious living.

2. Inspiration — Articles designed to inspire holy living and consecrated service to God and man. Features for the purpose of building better home life, inspiring and developing youth and assisting those who are in the Christian ministry. Reminiscing from the past to recall what God has done.

3. Information — What God hath done! In missions, churches, colleges and other institutions — news from America, Africa, India, Japan, and other areas.

—J.N.H.

Evangelical Visitor

Official Organ of the Brethren in Christ Church, published bi-weekly by the E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Indiana.

PURPOSE: To publish the Gospel of God's grace—a complete salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ the Son of God, made effectual by faith in Him; the walk in holiness by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit; and the pre-millennial second coming of our Lord.

J. N. Hostetter, Editor, Clarence Center, N. Y., to whom all material for publication should be sent.

Editorial Council: J. N. Hostetter, Editor, Ray M. Zercher, Office Editor, E. J. Swalm, Ernest Boyer, LeRoy Walters, C. Ray Heisey.

Contributing Staff: W. O. Winger, Avery Musser, B. M. Books, C. J. Carlson, Paul Snyder.

Missions Department:
Missions Abroad—Mary C. Kreider, Campbelltown, Pa.
Missions in America—Eber Dourte, Zullinger, Pa.

Brethren in Christ Publication Board, Inc., Dale M. Dohner, Albert E. Cober, John E. Zercher, Joseph R. Aiken, J. W. Bert, Samuel Wolgemuth, Harold Nigh.

SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$2.50 per year payable in advance, \$1.25 for six months, sample copies free.

New Subscriptions \$2.00 per year; Gift Subscriptions \$2.00 per year.

When subscriptions are sent in clubs of ten or more, at the regular rate, one yearly subscription is given free.

Canadian Subscriptions: no additional. Send all subscriptions to: **Evangelical Visitor, E. V. Publishing House, Nappanee, Ind.**
THE MAILING LABEL INDICATES EXPIRATION DATE: All subscriptions three months in arrears will be discontinued.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Be sure to give both the old and new addresses.

Accepted for mailing at special rate of postage in Sec. 1103, Act of October 3, 1917. Entered as second-class matter, at the post office at Nappanee, Indiana, under Act of March 3, 1879.



Do We Really Want the Presence of God?

Helen Sigrist

Those readers who are tenderminded and insist always upon being comforted should by all means skip this article. Here is surgery without anæsthesia. . . . *It is not easy reading but it is good for what ails us.*

THE LORD has said unto us, "Seek ye my face," but too often our hearts answer, "Some more convenient day. Today we have so much work, so many problems. We will take the problems to the Lord. But some day we will seek the Lord Himself as we should."

When our days are not full of work they are full of something else: it may be illness or it may be happy planning; it may be worry or it may be that mindless recreation without which we say we would go stale; it may be many church meetings. Days go by, and years. Because we belong to the Lord we do not feel the icy terror which children of this world try to repress at the thought of the flying time. Nevertheless we are conscious of it with uneasiness, knowing we are missing something. Sometimes by the voice of a servant of God, sometimes by the words of a hymn, sometimes by the still small Voice when we are alone with our Bible now and then we hear again the mystery of the longing of the Creator for His creature. We answer, we turn to Him, for after all we are His. We answer, but feebly; we seek, but are so quickly distracted.

This distraction is not so much from circumstances nor even from Satan; we create it ourselves. It is one thing to know the forgiveness of Christ and to have received the miracle of the indwelling Spirit. It is quite another to live in consciousness of the reality of God within and without. We know that those who have this life are lost for words to tell of the wonder of God, of the beauty of Christ. Yet we do not "practice the presence of God" because we don't want to.

We want God to listen when we're ready to speak to Him, as though He were always waiting at the other

end of a telephone wire; but we're afraid to involve Him too deeply in our lives. Subconsciously we have counted the cost of fellowship with Him and aren't ready to pay it. Let's at least face openly what self-life does secretly. If there must be a barrier between us and the One who loved us and gave Himself for us, let it be an honest and admitted barrier. Let's see what it is we fear.

There is no place to hide with God, for "all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." If we were to begin to be aware of His listening to all our thoughts, how often we would blush with confusion or be brought to our knees in shame! We would see how much in love we are with ourselves, our opinions, our prejudices. We would catch ourselves in our "innocent" little devices to create impressions of cleverness or even of holiness. We would see our hurt feelings for what they are, and understand the pleasant warmth with which the flesh receives praise. With God listening in the quietness of our minds, we would have our attention drawn to a certain evasiveness we feel when a fellow-Christian is mentioned; we would be made to realize that if we were to follow our real impulses we would not be speaking in love; we would be compelled to ask God to show us the reason, and discover once again the hostility in our hearts, perhaps even envy, that a brother is used by the Lord. We would see the smallness and the meanness of our natural motives. We would be thoroughly convinced that in ourselves, that is the flesh, no good thing will ever dwell. It is more comfortable to cling to self-esteem and do with less of God.

If we really knew, as we claim to know, that God hears all our words, how we would have to consider

them! Are we really, as we think, above gossip? Is it truly harmless to prolong a passing-of-the-time-of-day into meaningless chatter? At best most of our conversations are pointless and profitless. At worst, only God can measure the harm wrought by what we excuse as careless speech. Out of the poverty of our knowledge of God we too often advise those who come to us according to the world's wisdom; out of the shallowness of our love for Christ we bring forth condescension rather than love. When a hungry one comes to one of us who may be considered spiritual, hesitatingly groping for words to lay bare a soul's need, is he not often met by a flood of unthinking conversation that sweeps away all thought of God? When the Spirit has touched hearts at a meeting and is seeking to win for Himself a new and permanent sovereignty over those lives, must we always distract each other with chitchat the first moment after the benediction? Oh, if we were to know, really know, that God hears every word, how we would have to cry to Him for help to control our unruly tongues!

If we were to let Him come, the Lord would sit in on our family budget discussion. We would find Him listening with interest to much more than our decision to give a tithe to the church. He would hear our reasons for needing a new car this year. We would explain to Him that the old coat is actually worn out. The Lord would be glad to go to market with the housewife, not only to talk with her by the way but to oversee each purchase. We might also find ourselves telling Him all about the educational value of the news on television, that we are not buying the set just for gags and crooners—and we would weigh with Him the

eternal value of the new set as compared with supporting for a year a native evangelist in Africa or Indo-China. If we're unwilling to go that far with Christ, we are indeed wise not to seek too much of His company.

If we were to expose ourselves hour after hour and day after day to that love that flows from the heart of Him who "so loved the world," there would be real changes in us. We would see, more as He sees, the souls in torment around us. Our eyes would be opened to understand their burdens, their hopeless grief, the emptiness of their joy, things we do not see now because our sight turns in upon ourselves and those we consider our own. It is not pleasant to see neighbors dying without hope. It is not pleasant to catch a glimpse of millions perishing with no one to tell them of Christ. The flesh of a Christian shrinks, refuses to consider what it means, for this is far more terrible than any physical horror of bodies broken in battle. We may even pride ourselves somewhat on being too sensitive to bear such thoughts, instead of mourning at the coldness of our hearts—cold because they are separated from the heart of God.

Changes in us would necessarily show. We think it's safe enough to sing "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" for we're sufficiently careful not to learn what that way might mean for us. We have set up our own standard of what the Christian life should require from us, from time to time comparing our efforts with those of others; but God has His own standard: "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it?" For when we say, "we knew it not," it is because we do not choose to know. We fear that if we listened we might hear the voice of the Lord, "Whom shall I send?" and be constrained to answer, "Here am I, send me."

There is nothing surprising about our loving our lives in this world, and therefore in one sense there's nothing strange about our fear of walking with the Lord. Yet we should be shocked that we can be willing to take His salvation without longing to be close to the One who saves us. Jesus spoke of discipleship: "And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Let's be perfectly clear that this is addressed to *all* believers, that He spoke of *any* man who would

follow Him. We deceive ourselves if we think we can both save our lives—that is, keep our self-centered life—and have fellowship with Christ. And we are not to think of serving Him without closeness to Him, for He said, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be."

It is not really surprising that the natural man should love this world and its seeming good; but it should surprise us that we claim that heaven is our home and concern ourselves so little with knowing the God of heaven with whom we expect to spend eternity. Many of us think of heaven as a place of beauty to delight the senses, in which we will

meet our loved ones, and often we add some mention of Christ as an afterthought. The joy of heaven will actually be in glorifying God and enjoying Him forever. If we know Him but little now we cannot expect to have the capacity to enjoy Him then.

Would it after all be worth while to let God possess the whole of us so that we might begin to live in His Presence? We would have to loosen our hold on all that we call our own. We would have to say, like Paul, that it is well that all things be lost that we may know Him. Then God would say to us, "I am . . . thy exceeding great reward."

—*The Alliance Weekly*

"Make Friends of God's Children"

THE MAN whose life is clean and whose heart is warm tends to make friends with everybody. His outflowing good will carries over to the noblest, the meanest, the pillar in the church, the "town derelict," and every dog along the street. This is as it should be. But one who bears the name of Christ is to strive particularly to "make friends of God's children." In so doing, he is not merely conforming to the sentiments of a beautiful and familiar hymn; he is fulfilling one of the great divine imperatives.

The First Epistle of John is an earnest appeal to believers to maintain fellowship with God and with one another (I John 1:3). But then, as now, there were those who were not enjoying the Christian fellowship they might have had. They were saints, but "saints without wings." Want of compassion is mentioned (I John 4:17) and the want of brotherly love crops out repeatedly. It seems that some were deceiving themselves and thinking that they were better than they actually were (I John 1:8).

It is not enough to be negatively good, orthodox, basking in the glory of salvation, smugly rejoicing in the "Gospel of attainment." We are not fulfilling the law of Christ (Gal. 6:1-2) when we separate ourselves from erring fellow Christians and throw rocks at them from a distance. We merely become more self-righteous with every rock we throw.

Love builds bridges—not walls! And over these bridges we must pass

to all whom we would help. We can help neither the fallen sinner nor the erring saint until we have gained the person's confidence and good will. First, we must make friends.

Cold courtesy is not enough. There must be amiability also. Though not a substitute for other graces, amiability stands high among the virtues of those who are most successful in winning friends and influencing people for Christ. Here, as elsewhere, the most useful people are those who can get along with others. They get along because they know how to disagree without being disagreeable. And they realize that even in a body of believers, however "fitly joined together," every joint must supply its own cement (Eph. 4:16).

Making friends of God's children may not always proceed smoothly. "Long friendships demand short memories." And a further indispensable part of the formula is to multiply the pleasant contacts upon which friendship thrives. This is the technique of love. And by the multiplication of pleasant experiences, the memory of unhappy experiences may be overcome. Thus, injured relationships are healed, and impaired friendships restored. Like a burial mound grown over with a fragrant mass of rambler roses in full bloom, so are the injuries of an unhappy past buried beneath the loveliness of pleasant experiences prompted by the desire to make friends.

—Charles W. Koller in *The Northern*

THE HOLY CITY

Ralph W. Neighbour

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following" (Ps. 48:12,13).

IT IS a good thing, if you are going to see a city, to have somebody who is acquainted show you around.

There are too many these days who are condemning Christ and Christianity and the Church of Jesus Christ, who have never become acquainted with Him. They have never taken a sight-seeing tour. They have never so much as taken a train to the city. They have not even come near the walls to visualize it and see the beauty and the glory of it.

Before you have any opinion concerning Christ and salvation and Christianity, before you make a decision as to your own life, it will pay you, my friend, to consider well the *towers* and the *bulwarks* of the city and to behold the *palaces* thereof.

As you walk through the city you will be impressed by the fact that it is

A City of Salvation

You will see a person come running as fast as he can and behind him will be dogs that are ready to destroy. The person comes within the gates of the city, the gates are closed, and the dogs are shut without. You say to the person, "What's the matter? Why are you coming here? Who were the dogs that were chasing you?"

That person will answer and say to you, "Those were the dogs of sin. They had control of my life. They made me a slave and were utterly destroying me. The only hope I had was to flee to the city of Zion."

As you walk along, another will say, "Yes, that was my experience, only it was a little different. I was standing on a high embankment and the soil was beginning to cave out from beneath. Below was a great abyss, and down there I could see the fires as they were burning and leaping up. I tried to run, but it seemed that the abyss was following me and

I had certain destruction ahead of me. Then suddenly I saw the city and I ran up that way. The gate was open and I came into the city where I found safety and security so that I have no fear of that destruction and the horrible torment that was awaiting me. I have found safety inside the city of Zion."

You walk a little farther and you will meet another and he will say that he was filled with terrible sorrow he knew not which way to turn. Then he saw this beautiful city and there he found joy and peace and happiness. It became *the city of his salvation*.

It is a wonderful city, a city of salvation, and it has a threefold salvation—saving us from hell, saving us from the power and the penalty of sin, also saving us someday from the presence of sin itself.

Then notice that it is so quiet and peaceful about the city. There are no guns and there are no trucks going down the city street backfiring. There is nothing to disturb you. There is nobody there having a nervous breakdown. There is no need of a doctor or physician there because it is

The City of Peace

I ask the people the secret of this peace. "Well," they say, "it's just because God is the God of the city. When you come into the city you have nothing to worry about because every need is absolutely supplied. You have utter faith in God and He supplies all of those needs. You have absolute peace. There is no one in the city worrying, no nervous breakdowns. It's just the ideal place in which to live."

I notice, too, that people are just *filled with love*. Everybody loves each other and they are singing about it,

*"Makes you love everybody,
Makes you love everybody."*

People have found that God loves them and for that reason they cannot help but love each other. No hatred, no fighting, no bitterness, no malice,



for God is the God of the city and He is a God of love. He will not put up with any of this bickering and back-biting and gossiping and all the meanness that goes on in the world.

Then I notice another thing about this city. There is no one there but what is *hopeful*. There was a time when they did not have hope, but now they have hope. They can look into the future and say, "I'm not afraid of the morrow for God gives me hope. I have hope of eternal life and hope of things that are future. I don't worry about what will happen tomorrow or the next day. I know whatever it is, it'll be what is best because God is the God of this city."

Now while you are walking through the city and round about it there is one thing we want you to do especially and that is to number the towers thereof. The first tower I think you will want to behold is the tower of

The Incarnation of God

It is the tower of revelation, for the people in the city had never seen God, but He came in the flesh one day and walked among men.

Some people say, "Well, God isn't a God of power. You can't tell us that."

We know our God for He is the God who has wrought many mighty

miracles. He was the One who raised the dead, who healed the sick and who went about doing all sorts of kindness. He told us how to live, how to walk, what to do, and He told us how we would have the strength and power to do it. He revealed God to us for He was God in the flesh and God is not far off from us in the city of Zion because we have a tower of revelation.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God," and this God came in the flesh. There is that great tower of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, God in the flesh. It is a tower the world cannot answer, a tower that the world cannot deny. It seals the lip of every skeptic and it answers the attack of every man who would scorn the city of Zion.

But wait just a minute. There is one tower that stands higher than any tower in the city of Zion. It is

The Tower of Redemption

and it is built on a Cross. On a hill one day there hung a man who was God; there hung a God who was man. He reached down to earth to take hold of a sinful man, and reached up to a Father who loved Him. For His sake the Father received that one. As He hung upon that Cross between Heaven and earth, He became a mediator between God and man. You will not find another tower of redemption anywhere, and you will not find blood that will cover sin anywhere but upon that hill. There is *only One* who ever died for the sins of men, *only One* who *could* ever die for the sins of men, and *that one was Christ*.

Still there is another tower that the devil has never been able to overcome and conquer, there is another tower that has answered all the skeptics down through the ages past and will through the ages to come, and that is

The Tower of the Resurrection

There that tower of justification gives you an assurance that you are just as if you had never sinned and they can never take you out of the city. You are as if you had always lived there, for your sins are gone forever and Christ lives, to impart life to you, and to keep imparting life to you, and to continue to impart that life. It is the *tower of justification*.

There was a time, you know, when I was an awful sinner. There was a court case against me, and the summons was to appear at any time. I knew not when I would have to go, *possibly in the middle of the night or during the day*. My soul would go

into eternity and I would be judged before a great throne, to be cast into an eternal hell. Then suddenly *I came to the city of Zion* and I saw the tower of justification. I fled to that tower. *There I found the Christ who was risen, living, living to impart life as He had lived to take my penalty of sin*. He justified me and made me just as if I had never sinned.

The city is safe as long as the tower of resurrection stands. For in all times past up to this time no one



else has ever been able to break the bonds of death, and come forth from the grave but Jesus. And that tower of resurrection is the tower that *the skeptic cannot answer*.

There is another tower (there are many of them but I want you to see this one), the tower of the ascension, known as

The Tower of Glorification

Praise the Lord! The same Christ who gave us the *tower of the Incarnation* and gave us the *tower of the Cross* gave us the *tower of the resurrection* and *ascended* and went up into Heaven.

You know, when He went He had His hands outstretched in blessing. There were nail prints in those hands. Those are the same hands that said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel, and, lo, I am with you to the end of the age. All power is given to Me. I am going to the place of glory, to the place of power, I am going to the place where I will be above all principalities and powers and all the forces of sin and darkness and hell."

You know, I have fled to that tower and I am living above all principalities and powers and things of this earth too. When everything goes wrong it does not worry me because I am by the tower of glorification with an ascended Christ who has all glory, all might, all power.

I think we'd better look at one more tower and that is

The Tower of Exaltation

Sometimes when the things outside

the walls of the city would seem to attract me, I look at that tower of exaltation. *It is the Second Coming of Christ*. He is coming again and when He comes He says *I am to rule and reign with Him*. He says that all things are His, the stars, the sun, the moon, everything belongs to Him, and if we are heirs we are co-heirs with Him, joint heirs with the Lord. All things are ours. Then what do I care for the things of this earth? Those things here mean nothing when there is glory just ahead. One of these days Jesus will come again. No man knoweth the day nor the hour but I want to be ready when He comes. I am willing to fight the battles for Christ because I know of the glory that is coming. We will be exalted with Him.

But after you have numbered her towers, there is one other thing I would have you do. I want you to *mark well the bulwarks* for that is what the Psalmist said. Ah, there is security in Christ. When you come into the city of Zion, you will find absolute safety, because there are walls built all around the city which are absolutely impregnable. They cannot be scaled and they cannot be overcome.

The first wall that I see, the outstanding wall, is

The Word of God

I am hiding behind all the promises of God's Word. I am safe and secure for God's Word is true and all the attacks of the world cannot destroy truth. Truth will always win the battle in the end, and this Word of truth is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself for He came to fulfill it and the Word told all about Him. This Word of truth gives me all the assurance I need in this life. "These things have I written . . . that ye may know that ye have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). It is a wonderful wall.

There is another wall behind which I am hiding and that is

Jesus Himself

the Lord Jesus. You know, my salvation is not placed in me, praise the Lord. It is placed in *Christ*. I was not saved by my good works. I was not saved by some effort of my own or by some sacrifice, but "by grace are ye saved . . . it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works." That is true, but you are His workmanship and He is the One who saved you. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in

Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Then I want to call your attention to another wall. That is the wall of

The Holy Spirit

He is right inside our hearts. He is there to tell us what is wrong and what is right, there to remind us that we are out of the will of God, and when we grow cold and indifferent He is there to bring us back. *He is there to keep us.* He has sealed us right through to Glory; praise the Lord.

There is another bulwark.

The Father

He watches over us and neither slumbers nor sleeps. While the city of Zion sleeps at night, there is One up above who is greater than the city and more powerful than all things, more powerful than Satan, more powerful than all creation—my Heavenly Father. He is watching over me and when I slip and fall His arms are beneath me. "Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling . . ." "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep."

You are not holding onto the Lord. The Lord is holding onto you. You would never be able to keep up with the Lord, but He has a death's grip on you, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

Oh, I am glad for the security, the bulwarks that are about the city. There is another of

Prayer

When trouble comes and we do not know what to do, we can just get on our knees and call out before God and He delivers us.

There is another wall inside of that, the wall of

Faith

I can see the enemy as he brings all his arrows, the doubts and fears of the world, but that faith that God gives quenches every fiery arrow that would destroy and burn out our souls. Then we find perfect safety in Him.

The Psalmist said that after you have marked well her bulwarks, notice there is a river that flows—a beautiful river. Just on the other side of that river are some beautiful palaces made of gold, pretentious affairs, gorgeous, and there are some wonderful people already living down on the other side of the river. You cannot come back when once you go, but you will not want to come back from those beautiful palaces, will you? Just on the other side of the river. It is worthwhile to live in Zion because there is a palace that is yours.

—Gospel Herald

This Year is Yours

God built and launched this year for you;

*Upon the bridge you stand;
It's your ship, aye, your own ship,
And you are in command.*

*Just what the twelve-months' trip
will do
Rests wholly, solely, friend, with you!*

Your log book, kept from day to day—

*My friend, what will it show?
Have you on your appointed way
Made progress—yes or no?*

*The log will tell, like guiding star,
The sort of captain that you are.*

*Contrary winds may oft beset,
Mountainous seas may press,
Fierce storms prevail and false
lights lure,
You e'en may know real stress.*

*Yet, does God's hand hold fast the
helm,
There's naught can e'er your ship
o'erwhelm.*

*For weal or woe, this year is yours;
Your ship is on life's sea;
Your acts, as captain, must decide
Whichever it shall be;*

*So now, in starting on your trip.
Ask God to help you sail your ship.
—J. Back from "Food for Thought."*

My Convictions

THE TREMENDOUS responsibility of the church in view of present-day conditions and the urgency of the hour to meet these needs is alarming. This situation causes a great burden on my heart. One day in Jerusalem, Brother Orie Miller told me that our denomination with its small membership is carrying a heavier schedule than any other denomination he knows.

It is true we support home and foreign missionaries, but too long, I fear, the local ministers support themselves or receive only partial support. I am contending for a Holy Ghost-filled ministry, but how can we have men filled with the power of God with signs following (Mk. 16:20) when they rush from their work to the pulpit. This past summer I learned from many ministers that it is impossible for them to give all their time to their ministry as they would like to do on account of their livelihood. Two bishops said they were chagrined when it was necessary to explain to outside sources why they were seeking work. I myself have been embarrassed among other circles when it became necessary to explain that most of our ministers did not receive full support from the congregations which they faithfully serve.

We have tried to carefully follow the Bible standard, but as I see and understand the Bible, I believe that it is unscriptural not to support those

who minister to us the Bread of Life. (Neh. 13:10) One layman remarked to me that we never paid our pastors before, and if we do it now we will be like other churches. It is true, we have not had a supported ministry before and neither have we lived in the atomic age, but whether we are like other churches or not is not the question—What saith the scriptures! It is our responsibility to have the Holy Ghost power in the pulpit and in the pew in order that we can meet the great challenge before us.

I have frankly stated my convictions. I have deep respect for our ministers who have done so nobly, but I wonder if we as laymen have not put our ministers into an embarrassing position and robbed ourselves of the glory of God for their lack of support. The founders of the Church of Christ gave themselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the Word. Can our ministers do less and move the world for God. (Acts 6:4)

Cannot we as laymen do something about this situation and do it quickly? We must if victory is ours. Again I am contending for Holy Ghost-filled men in the ministry and that we as laymen fully support them with our finances. Then, together, we can arise to the great task facing us today with greater power and more glory of God upon both the laymen and the ministers.

—Mary E. Wenger, Orrstown, Pa.

Finney's Rules for the Soul Winner

REV. CHARLES G. Finney, the noted evangelist of a century ago, proposed the following rules by which his students in training for the ministry in Oberlin College might make their way into useful centers as soul winners. He said:

"See that you have a heart-call and not merely a head-call, to undertake the preaching of the Gospel. By this I mean, be heartily and most intensely inclined to seek the salvation of souls as the great work of life, and do not undertake what you have no heart to do.

"Being called of God to the work, make your calling your constant argument with God for all that you need for the accomplishment of the work.

"Believe the assertion of Christ that He is with you and this work always and everywhere, to give you all the help you need.

"Make the Bible your Book of books. Study it much upon your knees, waiting for Divine light.

"Beware of leaning on commentaries. Consult them when convenient, but judge for yourself in the light of the Holy Ghost.

"Give your most intense thought to the study of ways and means by which you may save men. Make this the great and intensive study of your life.

"Beware of the error that there are no means of regeneration, and consequently no connection of means and ends in the regeneration of souls.

"See that you have the special endowment of power from on high, by the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

"Spend much time every day and night in prayer and direct communion with God. This will make you a power for salvation. No amount of learning and study can compensate for the loss of this communion. If you fail to maintain communion with God, you are 'weak as another man.'

"Watch for souls as one who must give account to God.

"Be diligent and laborious, 'in season, out of season' (II Tim. 4:2).

"Contemplate much the guilt and danger of sinners, that your zeal for their salvation may be intensified."

—Selected

Missions in India, Jordan, and Israel

Some General Observations by the Executive Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, Henry N. Hostetter, during his recent tour of a number of missions in those lands. Other aspects will be presented in later issues of the Visitor.

In every one of these nations there is a *Christian fellowship*. One comes to a railroad station in India and finds that because the Christians of the area knew there were fellow Christians traveling through on the train there is a group of eight or ten Christians standing on the platform to greet them in the Name of Christ and to extend hospitality by way of food or otherwise; among them are folk one never met but they are here because they are Christians. Or, one comes into a hospital in Jordan and discovers a few Christian workers who have looked forward to this visit for days or weeks and what may be to an American a casual visit is to them the outstanding experience in months. Or one goes into a home in Israel, spends a few minutes or even a few days with them and comes away with a feeling that it has been significant in spiritual refreshment. And, when in all of these cases, this fellowship completely transcends boundaries so frequently felt in this country and sends one away with the warm sense of His presence, it is a great experience in Christian fellowship.

In every one of these nations there are *great forces of opposition to the work and spirit of Christ*. In some instances the obstacles already built by opposing forces look insurmountable; in others, they appear to be growing like mushrooms; and in still others, they are like the thickening clouds before the storm. Unless there is a very unusual intervention, it is likely that the possibilities of carrying forward the work of Christ in these areas will become more difficult year by year. No person sees the carrying of the gospel to these people as an easy task.

In every one of these nations there are *hungry hearts*. Almost daily they are being discovered by the messengers of the Cross. And these messengers are enjoying the satisfaction that comes in pointing these inquirers to Jesus. It is true that much of

it is being done by way of personal witnessing rather than public services, but the Word is being sown, and, were it not for the tremendous price that must be paid by the one who makes a public confession of Faith in Christ, there are reasons to think that many would take the path.

Do you pray daily for this work?

A full account of the inspiring Fortieth Anniversary celebrations at our Barjora Mission in India is being prepared for early supplementary issue of the Visitor. Watch for it!

The Secret Place

George Mueller came to see that the so-called work of the Lord had tempted him to substitute action for meditation and communion. He had neglected that still hour with God which supplies to spiritual life alike its breath and its bread. No lesson is more important for us to learn, yet how slow we are to learn it; that for the lack of habitual seasons set apart for devout meditation upon the Word of God and for prayer, nothing else will compensate.

We hurry to a public service without any proper interval for renewing our strength in waiting on the Lord, as though God cared more for the quantity than the quality of our service.

If we are to feed others, we must be fed; and even public and united exercise of praise and prayer can never supply that food which is dealt out only to the believer in the closet—the shut-in place with its closed doors and open window where we meet God alone.

—A. T. Pierson

Evangelical Visitor

A Florist with Anointed Eyes sends us this meditation—

MISPLACED?

Dale W. Ulery

Imagine, the exquisite beauty of an orchid gracing a hoggerly!

WHILE VISITING a home not far from the mission parsonage in Cuba, we were made quite aware of the fact that hogs, chickens, rabbits and horses were homesteading just outside the kitchen door—the excessive rains of the season accentuating the unpleasant odor. But to our amazement, through the kitchen window, we saw in the immediate side yard area, a large cluster of orchid tubers nesting in the fork of an unattractive, partially dead tree. Four enchanting blossoms were shedding forth their delightful beauty, and we went to the window so that we might see the full loveliness of their colors.

It was then that unmistakeable sounds emanating from the hoggerly beneath drew our attention. We were amazed at such extremes: beauty beyond description on one hand and the obnoxiousness of the mire on the other. But—the beauty we beheld was pitched *above the mire*. Even the air roots of the orchid did not extend down into the mire, the Creator daily supplying from elsewhere its oxygen and moisture. The hog in the mire beneath had no appreciation or respect for the beauty blazing above his head.

Are we living in the mire of sin when our Father has made provision for us to have a new life revealing the

heavenly beauty of our Father above?

We were impressed as we noticed how tenaciously the roots of the orchid clung to its means of anchorage: to fall would mean the mire and the end of its existence. If we clung more closely to Christ, we would produce heavenly blossoms from our Creator. —Closer inspection led us to believe that pulling the orchid from its support would mean the tearing of the bark from the tree! Surely we can dwell in confidence as we recognize our close affinity with Christ.

Just where did the orchid secure its nutrition? From moisture and air, accessible because the hand of its Creator has well provided for its existence. True, this source of nutrition is almost on the invisible side, but the beauty of the blossoms prove that nutrition is obtainable. Similarly, the life hidden in Christ is ever a perplexity to the individual that knows Him not. The child of God, abiding through the Holy Spirit, draws strength and grace from a source hidden to the human eye.

Furthermore, a small tuber separated from the cluster of orchids and placed on another tree far removed from the mother plant will, in due time, form a large clump of its own and produce its own beautiful blossoms of like kind. This is a true characteristic of God's children: they can be separated by the hand of Him who owns their life and planted far from home, there to multiply and reveal the beauty of salvation.

Have you submitted to the will of your Owner and let Him place you where He desires? Or, it may be you have chosen a pleasant park to live in, where the beauty of life in Christ is camouflaged by its surroundings until its value is little.

Dear saint of God, take courage if your life seems misplaced like the orchid we are writing of; for just where you are, surrounded by sordid and apparently adverse circumstances—just there, God desires His perfection and beauty to be seen. Never fear, for where He has placed you or allows you to be held, there will His presence be to give every spiritual nourishment that you need in order to produce the beauty of His divine grace.

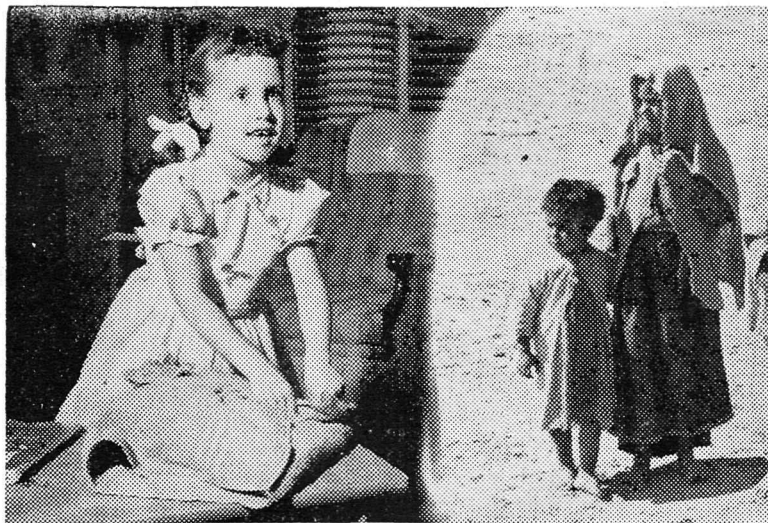
Misplaced? Never—by God!

—Cuatro Caminos, Cuba

A Little Laughter—

From Mtshabezi: After the death of a Jersey bull, Philip Thuma said to his daddy, "Uncle Frey's sweater bull died, didn't it?"

It took his father a while to "catch on." How much English do you know? If you don't understand ask!



HERE'S MY CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR AN ORPHAN IN KOREA—or for a refugee child in Austria or a blind girl in Jordan perhaps. The distance between this American child and the needy children pictured here was bridged many times during this Christmas season as Mennonite relief workers distributed Goodwill Christmas Bundles. There were many "ah's" and "oh's" as children inspected the contents of the bundles wrapped in brightly-colored towels. There were smiles from faces with eyes that could not see, and there were parents with tears rolling down their cheeks because they were so glad their children had some Christmas. And there were boys and girls from whom these bundles were their first Christmas gifts. These are also joyous days for the relief workers who tell the recipients of the bundles that American boys and girls prepared them because of their love for the Christ of Christmas. This year boys and girls in Austria, England, Formosa, France, Germany, Holland, Hong Kong, Java, Jordan and Korea are hearing the story of Christ—thanks to the nearly 28,000 Christmas bundles prepared in His Name. (Photography by Ernest Lehman).

VILLAGE VISITING

During School Vacations

Edna M. Switzer

Getting out to the villages is like having daily devotions and studying the language: if one doesn't lay aside everything else temporarily, it just doesn't get done.

Leaving by bicycle soon after lunch, Sister Eyster and I (accompanied by an African teacher) thought we would have plenty of time to visit three villages, but alas! . . . First, we went to Tickiez Simunza's—a lovely Christian family which has a daughter teaching at Macha and another elsewhere. (Publication of this article was delayed to make room for an account of the veld fire tragedy a few days later which resulted in the death of Tickie's wife, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren, as reported in the *Visitor* of Oct. 11, 1954. This paragraph serves to illustrate the esteem in which the village was held.—M.C.K.)

"You do not simply gaze on a visitor's face; you attend to his stomach," says an African proverb. Soon the mother of the home began cooking while we visited with other members of the family. After a while [This is where the time goes!] they served us saltless corn meal mush and sour milk. Sister Eyster was really brave and ate all her generous serving, but not I!—though I nibbled along until she was finished. Then we thought refreshments were over, but hard-boiled eggs came next (and they were really good); and for a third course—sweet potatoes and coffee. After a brief visit and prayer, we hurried on.

At the next village we were told we had come too late. Very true! . . . We were sorry we had to hurry for the sun was going down and it was getting time for the mothers to prepare the evening meal . . . The mother in this home had recently been saved. Her once-Christian husband is today merely a nominal church member. **Pray for this couple that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and have a happy Christian home.**

Our last call for the day was at the home of one of our evangelists. They were as happy to have us come as we were to be there. When we get into homes of the older Christians, they always ask about the missionaries who are in the homeland whom they know. After our visit and a time of prayer, we hurried toward the mission, for it was already sundown.

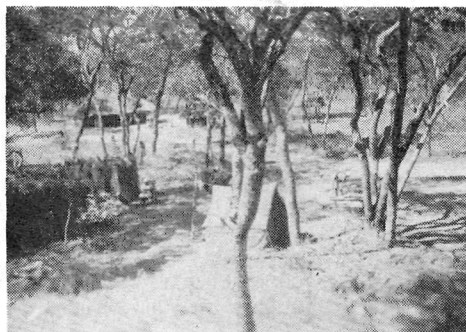
Every time we go out into the villages our eyes are opened anew to the great task which is ours. When we return, someone of the group nearly always says, "We ought to do more of this."

During every holiday we like to spend at least one Sunday in an Outschool. While school is in session we can hardly go because of our duties in the Sunday school and at the hospital. This holiday Sisters Graybill and Frey went out one direction about ten miles from the mission for a weekend, and Sisters Eyster, Lehman, and I went to Kabanze for Sunday only. We packed a lunch and were off soon after breakfast. That June morning was really

With Sister Switzer's account of visiting out from the mission station, we present these snapshots dedicated to Sister Annie Winger (now home in America) who spent her last years in Africa on long village trips—gladly living for weeks at a time amid drought, flood, heat, and frost, genuinely interested in the natural and spiritual welfare of the Africans—for the Gospel's sake.



"She went about doing good." Nkosizana Winger helping a young woman with her knitting—helping with the things of time in order to gain opportunity to speak of the things of eternity.



Sister Winger's tent pitched near an African village. "A tent or a cottage, why should I care? They're building a palace for me over there."

chilly for bicycle riding! Stopping to greet and give a Christian witness to everyone we met made us arrive late for the service at the outschool, but we were glad for those opportunities to witness for Christ.

When we arrived at Kabanze, there was Teacher Joshua faithfully having the regular worship service with twenty children. We were thankful for them, but our hearts ached to think that the school house should have been full of Sunday worshippers. **The outschool teachers really need our prayers.** Theirs is a large task—teaching five days a week and conducting the mid-week prayer service as well as the Sunday services. After the midday service we visited with the teacher and his family briefly, then started back to the mission.

Twelve miles is quite a way to go by bicycle in one day, yet we feel that the Lord gives us the strength and multiplies the satisfaction.

I have not been in Africa long; but many times I have felt that if Africa is going to be won for Christ, it will be largely through the efforts of the African Christians who have a burden for their own people. **Continue to pray that the vision of the leaders of the church in Africa will be renewed.**

Christmas Greetings to the Home Church

From the "City of Peace," Jerusalem.

We join in thanksgiving with all Christians for the Prince of Peace who became the Babe of Bethlehem—for the Saviour of the World, our coming King. The Biblical Past, the colorful Present, and the glorious Future are all intertwined in this miracle state of Israel. The words of the Bible gain a new significance when one travels in this pulsating modern country, mingling with its people so closely linked with ancient traditions, and visiting the places of sacred significance.

Today, after many centuries, the hills and valleys still tell their classic stories while people in general carry on their manner of life in unawareness of the Christ, as they did on the night of His birth. This new generation in Israel, in the main, faces the future with faith, freedom and hope; but its interest in Israel is basically political and social, rather than religious. *Yet the real miracle of Israel is Jesus Christ; through HIM, according to the writers of the Holy Scriptures, a bright future is awaiting Israel. Continue to pray for the peace of Jerusalem.*

The winter rains are now falling on the parched fields and dusty roads after many months of dry weather. Will you join with us in trusting God to send spiritual showers on this land and everywhere this lovely season of the year?—We are enjoying our stay here very much. The climate and food are agreeable. The fellowship with the Christians is sweet. We desire to be a greater blessing in the days ahead. We do appreciate all your expressions of kindness to us.

Yours in Christian Fellowship,
Jesse and Lucille Lady

(Sorry. This reached us too late for the Christmas issue. M.C.K.)

The Navajo New Testament

The long-promised Navajo New Testament is now in the hands of the printer. The complete manuscript of this Testament was brought to the Bible Society by Mrs. Etta Dalton, a Navajo Indian, and presented to Dr. Eugene Nida, Translation Secretary of the American Bible Society, at the Society's annual meeting in May, 1953. The Navajo language is exceptionally difficult, and the recording of it has been complicated by several different orthographies. There are almost 75,000 Navajo Indians living in Arizona and New Mexico, so the need for the New Testament is very great.

What We Need For 1955



Rachel McBeth

WHAT DO we young people need for 1955? Are we ready to face life, not only scholastically, but spiritually? Have we fully consecrated our lives to God, for Him to mould? If we haven't, let's do it!

If we do not decide wholly for God we cannot be of much value to Him. We need to go deeper with God instead of being contented to go half way. We need a constant desire to win souls, instead of an emotional stirring after a challenging missionary rally. Let's really pray in earnest for a burden to win the unsaved for Christ.

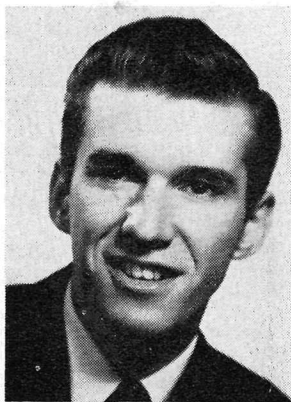
I definitely feel that we young people do not study the Bible and memorize portions of it, as much as we should. To win souls and defeat Satan we must know our Bibles.

You'll really begin to face life socially and scholastically, if spiritually you wholly yield to Christ. Don't be ashamed of Christ and your Bible. Be a missionary for Christ this year, and don't forget to smile while being one. If we have the real experience of salvation, we'll be so enthused we'll do our part. Let's be out and out for Christ. Shall we?

—Rachel E. McBeth

"THE SLUGGARD will not plow by reason of cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing." Proverbs 20:4 Brethren in Christ youth must face 1955 realizing that the world is cold—sin is predominant—devils and demons vigorously oppose all truth and righteousness. Are we going to lay aside our "plows" and warm our-

THREE BRETHREN IN CHRIST YOUNG PEOPLE FRANKLY SUGGEST AREAS OF WEAKNESS AMONG US AND SUBMIT PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN ORDER TO STIMULATE CHRISTIAN MATURITY AMONG THE BRETHREN IN CHRIST YOUTH DURING THE COMING MONTHS



George Hostetler

selves by the fires of isolation? No!

In order to "plow" effectively in the world of 1955 it is vital that we have: first, an unwavering contact with dynamic power; second, a positive awareness of our objective; third, organized enthusiasm.

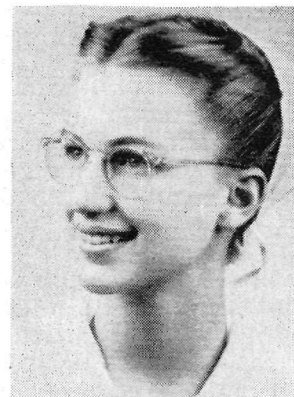
Unwavering contact with dynamic power. This power must come from God. This power cannot be realized until self is offered to God on the altar of consecration. This power is God's Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Only after we make contact with this electrifying spiritual power can we meet effectively the challenge of 1955.

Positive awareness of objective. We have been in a high state of confusion because too long we have based our faith on "things." We must get our eyes off of "things" and fix them on an objective. The objective of the Christian should be the highest service to God and man. The part that each of us fills in this universal Christian objective is not easy to find, but it can and must be found. Awareness of a noble objective dispels confusion and brings true happiness.

Organized enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is sparked by words like action! forward!

excitement! progress! win! rah, rah! Organization is made of "sterner stuff" as sweat, headache, worry, responsibility, hard work. We need both in order to make 1955 worth while.

—George Hostetler



Ruth Herr

"I HAVE A problem," the girl said confidentially, and proceeded to explain her difficulty, ending with a plea for my opinion. Almost immediately there popped into my mind three Scripture portions that dealt with the principle of her question. I had a general idea where one of them was found, but on the spur of the moment could not turn to it. I had even less idea where the second was to be found. But, fortunately I knew the exact location of the third and most specific Biblical answer to her problem.

"Have you read this?" I asked, mentioning the chapter. Now this chapter is a well-known, much-emphasized chapter in many church circles, so I was amazed at her frank, "No."

We read our Bible for our daily devotion, but it takes more than a casually read chapter or book to digest the principles of Christianity (Continued on page sixteen)

In Retrospect

25 years ago!

—E.J.S.

Editorial

The signs of the times are so many and most of us too much engaged to clearly distinguish what is really transpiring in these, the closing days of the gentile age. It was but a few short years ago that the National flag of the Jewish Nation was again seen on high seas (When the President Arthur sailed from New York harbor for Jaffa) and it became nationally known that the British mandate over Palestine meant the speedy regathering of the Jews in Palestine and the restoration of the Land. Now comes the news that another flag is to be raised in Jerusalem. The claims of the Pope of Rome as a temporal ruler having been recognized by the Roman Dictator, Mussolini, the Pope now gained the necessary power to more fully play his part in the fulfilling of prophecy. The flags of many nations may be seen in Jerusalem, and among them for the first time in many centuries will be seen the yellow and white flag of the Papacy. We are informed that a representative of the Pope is now to have a diplomatic residence in Jerusalem. One can easily predict more trouble for the land of our Saviour's birth. We cannot, of course, predict just what part the Pope may play in the drama of final events, but we can easily see that in the coming days of tribulation he may play a very important role. "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

The evangelists of yesterday gave us a ministry that still lingers in spite of two and one-half decades.

—E.J.S.

Carland, Michigan

On November 24, a continued meeting commenced in the Zion Church, Carland, Mich., with Bish. Bert Sherk of Stevensville, Ont., in charge. During the first week the meetings were somewhat hindered on the account of the death and burial of the daughter

of Bro. and Sr. Lyons. The meetings continued until Friday evening of the third week, and while the attendance was not very large, yet the interest in the meeting was good until the close. Our dear brother preached the Word under the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost, which resulted in five precious souls kneeling at the altar confessing their sins and needs, and claiming definite answer to their soul's cry, for which we praise God. It truly does inspire the souls of God's true children to see precious souls for whom Christ died, bow at the altar and become new creatures in Christ Jesus. We are truly thankful for men who are called of God and who carry a burden for the work of the Lord. This our dear brother did while with us and we pray God to bless him in his labours and enable him to stand to the end.

—J.L.

An interesting item appearing in the January 1930 issue of the Visitor. Interesting and solemn thought in any generation.

—E.J.S.

What Would You Do If You Only Had One Day To Live?

S. G. Engle

The Rev. Ross Stover of Philadelphia asked ten people in different walks of life, the above question. The following are the answers:

1. A man—"I would think mighty serious."
2. A business man said, "I would try and take care of the most important things."
3. A young woman — "I would spend the day in praying forgiveness for my past sins."
4. A real estate clerk said, "I'd arrange things properly, go home, pray, call my pastor, and take communion."
5. An aged women cleaning an office said, "Oh, I'd just go home and wait."
6. A colored boy—"Boss, I don't know, I guess I'd keep on working."
7. A mother said, "I would spend most of the day advising my young boys about life."
8. A mail man said, "I would not worry a bit, I know I have a Heavenly home."
9. A man opening oysters—"In a light and bragging way said, "I would gather together all the money I could find and get drunk."

I don't believe him. Such boasting and lightness in the face of the last day will not stand the test. He would think differently.

10. A fine Christian man said, "I know of only one relative who is not a Christian. I would go and talk to him."

Since no one knows which will be his last day, why not live each as if it were. Work as if you expected to live many days, and live as if to-day were your last.

The Editor had headaches a quarter of a century ago.

—E.J.S.

A Worthy Example

A good brother who is one of our regular subscribers sent us \$5.00 a few days ago to pay for a number of subscriptions for 1930. Several others have also paid for one or two subscriptions aside from their own, and we certainly would be glad if there would be a way to encourage a wider use of the "Evangelical Visitor" among the many homes where perhaps little religious reading is received and acquaint these dear people with the Church's activities along its various missionary and evangelistic lines.

Quite a number have written stating how they have enjoyed the new cover on the paper, and we want now to state that we have for some time cherished the fond hope that there would be enough of our readers really interested in the welfare of the paper to make possible at least five hundred new subscribers for 1930. This would enable us to continue the cover without soliciting outside advertising which was favorably considered by the Publication Board quite sometime ago.

We wonder how many of our readers would join us in prayer concerning this in the next few days after they receive this number of the paper. If you will send us One Dollar we will mail the paper for all of 1930 to any address you may give us in the United States or Canada. I wonder just how much we will be able to depend on you at this time?

There are still a great many whose paper expired with January 1st, and would it not be a splendid time for you to send the paper to a friend when making your renewal? Assuring you of our utmost appreciation, and soliciting your prayers in our behalf for the coming year, we are

Cordially yours,
V. L. Stump, Editor.

CHURCH NEWS

Dayton, Ohio

The Lord has been supplying the needs and giving spiritual blessings and manifesting His power in the Dayton congregation.

No doubt many of you have read the article in the S. S. Herald concerning the conversion of our blind young couple last January. They are an inspiration to our services. Bro. Erwin has been appointed as vice-president of Christ's Crusaders and al-

so assists in teaching the Young People's class. He was baptized and received into church fellowship on Sept. 5.

Some of our young people have left for school, but we appreciated the assistance of Mennonite people in our young people's meetings. Some of them are in I-W service in our city.

On Oct. 24 our fall revival began with Bro. John Rosenberry as evangelist. The attendance was good—more people from the immediate neighborhood attended than ordinarily. A young couple, who live not far from the church, sought the Lord. The wife had first sought the Lord in her home prior to the revival and was saved. They decided in their hearts they are going all the way in spite of some opposition. On Sun. Nov. 28 they were both baptized and expect to be received into the church on Dec. 19th. The Lord has been dealing with these people in a marvelous way. One evening in their home they prayed with their nine-year-old girl and she was saved.

Bro. Rosenberry's messages and his gift of faith were an inspiration to us. May the Lord continue to bless his ministry.

Waynesboro, Pa.

The Waynesboro congregation is thanking God for the working of the Holy Spirit in our midst. During our Bible School this summer a number of children found the Lord as their Savior and many others have made decisions for Christ in our regular services.

During the summer we shared with the Hollowell church in two baptismal services in which three of our group were baptized. One was a young boy and two were men in their latter years. We praise the Lord that He is willing and able to save both the young and the old—all who will come unto Him.

We have appreciated the spiritual fervor of the Wolgemuth family and thank God for bringing them home safely after two years in Japan. Wed. evening, Sept. 15, Bishop Samuel Wolgemuth gave us words of greeting and admonition in a special welcome-home service. Sept. 19 was our homecoming program. We welcomed a number who had worshiped with us in former years. Mrs. Wolgemuth gave a special talk to the children.

Oct. 10 was our family life conference. Dr. Harold Engle and Dr. Kenneth Hoover were our speakers. In the afternoon there were sessions for all age groups and also a special service in the evening. Sat. evening Dr. and Mrs. Engle showed their pictures of Formosa and told of their work there.

Please pray with us that God will work in a mighty way during our revival meetings. We are expecting Rev. John Hostetter to be with us in January.

Fairland Church, Cleona, Pa.

On the afternoon and evening of Monday, September 6, 1954, a retreat at Kenbrook was enjoyed by the Fairland Crusaders and Sunday school members. Sr. Mary Kreider was the speaker for the Vesper Service and Rev. Eugene Wenger for the following indoor service.

A District Baptismal Service, with eight young people as applicants, was held at Kenbrook, Saturday evening, September 11.

Rev. and Mrs. J. Robert Lehman were with us the evening of September 19. They were guest speakers in our Adult Crusader's service.

October 3 we were happy to have Rev. and Mrs. John H. Martin in our morning service. Sr. Martin was our Girl's Day speaker and Bro. Martin brought us a fine message on "Family Life." Following the

message there was a service for the dedication of children, in charge of our pastor, Bro. Stump. Lois Kern, Philip Keller and Bradley Garman were the three children who were dedicated to the Lord. In the evening Rev. Paul McBeth spoke to one of the Crusader groups, and also brought the message in the service following on the theme, "Building for the Lord Jesus Christ."

Our evangelistic services were held October 31 to November 14, with Rev. Cecil Plank of Hope, Kansas, as evangelist. We were thankful for the messages that were given; and we felt that the Lord has blessed the Word, and we have been revived.

Sunday morning, December 12, was the time set aside for the reception of members. Bishop T. M. Books brought the message on "Unity in Christ," following which five young people were received into the Church. —E.K.F.

Nottawa, Ontario

Sunday, July 4, the Howick young people gave a splendid program at our evening service.

Visitors in our district during the summer were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bert and the Eldon Bert family, Upland, Calif., Clayton Hershey and family, Troy, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Brubaker, Mechanicsburg, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. Fahnestagt, Manheim, Pa.

We were happy to welcome home to our community Lois and Lorne Ruegg. This young couple spent the previous year in Western Canada.

July 19-30 was the time of our summer tent meeting and daily vacation Bible school. Bro. Ronald Lofthouse, Toronto, was our evangelist. This was a new venture as to location for this year, our tent was located in the summer resort district of Wasaga Beach. God very wonderfully opened up the way. Once more the seeds of truth were sown in precious young hearts and there were thirty-eight decisions for Christ.

We have been very favoured during the past few months in having so many of our missionaries to fellowship with us and share their many experiences of the work to which God has called them. May the Lord bless each one and may we feel our responsibility more keenly of supporting them with our prayers.

Our fall love feast was held on Oct. 23-24. It is always a joy to have visiting brethren and their families worship the Lord in communion service with us.

Bishop Lester Myers, Greencastle, Pa. who was to be our evangelist for the next two weeks, ministered to us, also Ronald Lofthouse, Toronto and Cecil Cullen.

The revival campaign was fairly well attended and proved a blessing to many.

Nov. 7-8 we held our annual Bible Conference. Bishop Lester Myers, Greencastle, Pa., Bishop J. B. Martin and Mrs. Martin, Waterloo, Ont. who recently returned from a six month assignment in Israel, and Rev. Arnold Seidler, Pittsburgh, Pa. a converted Jew, were our guest speakers. Their thrilling messages were greatly appreciated. Nov. 10 Ralph Palmer, a converted gangster from Denbigh, Va. held the interest of a large audience as he told of his experience of salvation and his call to the distribution of tracts ministry. —M.S.

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

June 16 to June 30 was the time of our Bible School. Our average attendance was 157. The offerings of \$236.20 were given to the Navajo Mission in New Mexico. On decision night approximately 40 boys and girls responded to an appeal to accept Jesus Christ.

Grantham Oratorio Society Presents Annual Hymn Sing

On Sunday afternoon, January 23, the Grantham Oratorio Society will present its annual hymn festival, in the Forum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The chorus and congregation will join in singing many familiar hymns, and the chorus will present choral selections including: "Be Still My Soul," "The Lord's My Shepherd" by Mueller, Ellinger's "I Shall Not Pass Again This Way," and "Sing and Rejoice" by James.

The Oratorio Society will also give a preview of its Spring Oratorio Concert by presenting two numbers from the Passion According to St. Matthew by Johann Sebastian Bach. These will be, "I Would Beside My Lord Be Watching" and "The Passion Chorale" whose lovely theme recurs throughout the composer's musical portrayal of our Lord's suffering and death, with text taken from the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

With Robert S. Clippinger as organist and Paul Carlson as violinist, this program promises to be rich in inspiration and spiritual significance.

The Society has ordered new bleachers which are expected for use on this hymn festival occasion, providing more comfortable and adequate seating facilities for the chorus.

Plan to attend this musical service at 2 p.m., Sunday, January 23, 1955, the Forum, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

During the closing months of Rev. R. H. Wenger's ministry there was reception of members, two baptismal services, and two services for dedication of children.

August 29, Rev. R. H. Wenger gave us his last sermon. A basket of flowers and a plaque "In Appreciation" were presented to the Wengers at this service. Rev. and Mrs. Wenger have given tirelessly and unselfishly of their time and effort for the past twenty-six years. Words cannot express our appreciation to them for their devotion and able leadership. A book "We Remember" was also given to the Wengers, composed of letters from members of the congregation.

September 5 Bishop E. H. Wenger and Henry Ginder conducted the installation service for Rev. and Mrs. Paul L. Snyder. We are happy to welcome Rev. and Mrs. Snyder and family as our first full-time pastor. A reception for the Snyders was held in the social room of the church.

November 7 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Peterman and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lehman were installed to serve the congregation as stewards.

November 14, Rev. Ellsworth Culvers, who is with the Orient Crusades, gave us a challenging message. He is doing missionary work in the Philippines.

Our evangelistic services were held November 21 to November 28. Our pastor served us for the first four nights. We were then privileged to have Bishop Samuel Wolgemuth with us for the remaining services.

December 19 the children presented their annual Christmas program.

December 26, a Cantata, "This is Noel," was presented under the direction of William Wenger.

—Mrs. J. W. L.

BIRTHS

"Children are an heritage of the Lord"

HESS—Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hess of Elizabethtown, Penna., welcomed into their home a son, Ronald Keith, on July 18, 1954; a brother for Andrea and Brenda.

CRIDER—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Crider, Jonestown, Pa. R. 1, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Sheldon Ray, November 29, 1954.

LEBECK—Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lebeck of Stayner, Ont., are happy to announce the safe arrival of their baby daughter, Sharen Leona, Nov. 22, 1954.

SHANK—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Shank, Carlisle, Pa. are the happy parents of a baby daughter, Glenda Joan, born August 27, 1954.

LEHMAN—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lehman (Isabel Gillaugh) of Carlisle, Pa. announce the birth of a son, Steven Roger, born August 29, 1954; a brother for Linda and Carla.

TAYLOR—Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Taylor of Carlisle, Pa. are the happy parents of a baby boy, George William, born September 30, 1954.

DITTENHAFFER—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dittenhafer of Carlisle, Pa. announce the birth of a daughter, Susan Jane, born October 17, 1954.

DUNBAR—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dunbar Carlisle, Pa. are the happy parents of a baby girl, Linda Sue, born October 18, 1954.

KIPE—Brother and Sister Harry Kipe of Chambersburg, Penna., announce the birth of a daughter, Gloria Jean, on August 17, 1954; a sister for Davey.

BOOK—Rev. Alvin and Thata (Frey) Book, of Matopo Mission, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, Africa, became the happy parents of a son, Curtis Wesley, born Dec. 8, 1954; a brother for Priscilla and Sheila.

LONGENECKER—Bro. and Sr. Floyd Longenecker of the Zion congregation, Abilene, Kansas are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Lanise Ann, born October 6, 1954.

MARRIAGES

For these we wish God's richest blessing and send, with our compliments, a year's subscription to the Evangelical Visitor.

NEGLEY-LEHMAN—On Nov. 13, 1954 a beautiful wedding was solemnized in the Silverdale Brethren in Christ Church. Mae Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Lehman of Sellersville, Pa., became the bride of Paul William Negley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Negley of Lewisberry, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Walton Bergey, assisted by Rev. Simon Lehman.

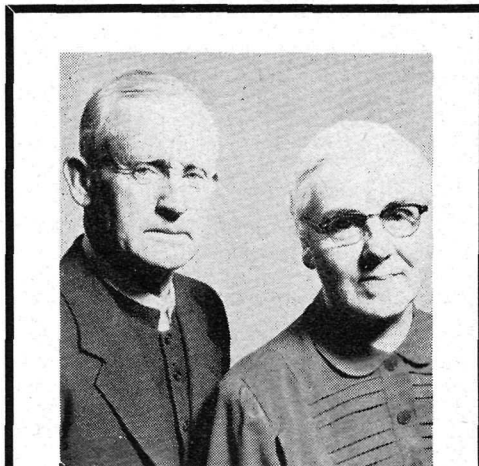
OBITUARIES

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

The Ohio-Kentucky church as well as the entire Brethren in Christ brotherhood, has suffered great loss in the tragic deaths of Brother Willie Frank Allison and his wife as the result of an auto accident near Columbia, Kentucky, November 19, 1954. The accident occurred when the auto they were driving plunged off the highway and overturned. He was found unconscious and never regained consciousness. Sister Allison, who lingered twelve days before joining her companion in the glory world, suffered a broken neck and severed spinal cord, and was paralyzed from the neck down, but retained a remarkably clear mind most of the time.

The Kentucky mission district is utterly unable to fathom its loss. As one remarked at his funeral, Brother Allison's life, unlike a beautiful piece of furniture covered

with thin veneer, was solid clear through. He served as steward (deacon) since the establishment of such office in the Kentucky mission district, and in many other capacities in the church and Sunday school. Likewise, Sister Allison, endowed with unusual facilities of mind and heart, served capably through the years, and gave evidence of rich growth in grace, particularly since her pronounced experience of death to self at the Ohio General Conference in 1952.



The late Brother and Sister Allison

ALLISON—Willie Frank Allison, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Ann Pike Allison, was born January 11, 1889, and died November 20, 1954, aged 65 years, 10 months, and 9 days.

He was united in marriage to Miss Capitola Webb on February 6, 1915. No children were born to this union, but they reared three foster children: Ira Long, Delbert Ballard, and Margie Ballou Sadberry. He is also survived by three brothers: A. S. Allison of Columbia, Kentucky, Nathan Allison of Lexington, Kentucky, and Robert Allison of Elizabethtown, Kentucky; also two sisters: Mrs. Hershel Cundiff, Columbia, Kentucky, and Mrs. D. M. Moore, Georgetown, Indiana.

The funeral was held at Beulah Chapel November 23, conducted by Elders Albert H. Engle, E. J. Rohrer, and E. O. Dohner. Text, Phil. 1:21. Interment was in Haven Hill Cemetery, Columbia.

ALLISON—Capitola Webb Allison, daughter of the late John A. and Anjaline Shepherd Webb was born October 24, 1894; died December 2, 1954, aged 60 yrs., 1 mo., 8 days, twelve days after the passing of her husband, Willie Frank Allison.

Besides the three foster children, she is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Clarice Hatfield, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mrs. Laura Thomas and Mrs. Beatrice Pryor of Gage, Oklahoma; also by a number of nieces and nephews.

In November of 1919 she was baptized by Bishop M. L. Dohner and received into the Brethren in Christ church fellowship.

The funeral was held December 5 at Beulah Chapel. Services were in charge of the pastor, Elder E. J. Rohrer, assisted by Bishop M. L. Dohner. Text: Col. 1:5.

SLICK—Leon Marion Slick of the Messiah Children's Home, Mt. Joy, Pa., was born May 24, 1936, and died Dec. 5, 1954 in the Lancaster General Hospital of a lingering heart-illness which incapacitated him from time to time for the past 10 years, aged 18 years, 6 months and 11 days. He was converted early in life and at the age of 13 united with the Brethren in Christ church of which he was a faithful member until death. He leaves to mourn his father, Howard Slick Sr. his step-mother and these brothers and sisters: Howard, U. S. Army, Geneva, Hallstone, Pa. Mary, Harrisburg, Dorothy, Portsmouth, Va. John, Franklin Co., Vernon and Donald, Harrisburg, and Sharon Rose, Carlisle, Pa. Funeral services were held from the Nissley Funeral Parlors, Mt. Joy, Pa. Dec. 8, 1954 with further services at the Cross Roads Brethren in Christ church. Officiating ministers were Bishop I. W. Musser and Rev. Christ Moyer. Text Psalms 23 and John 14.

Interment in the Cross Roads Cemetery.

HERSHEY—Lydia B. Hershey, a life-long resident of Cumberland County, Pa. passed to her reward October 24, 1954, aged 81 years, 5 months, and 2 days. Her husband, Henry Hershey, preceded her in death five years ago. For the past fourteen years Mrs. Hershey was a member of the Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church. She is survived by two sons: William Hershey of Mechanicsburg, and Clarence Kling of Carlisle.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. R. H. Wenger and Rev. Paul L. Snyder.

KITCH—John Jacob Kitch was born May 26, 1874, and passed from this life on December 1, 1954, aged 80 years, 6 months, and 5 days. He formerly resided in Lancaster, but in recent years lived in Chester County where he spent the last months in a home at Pocopson. His wife preceded him in death 19 years ago at the age of 57 years. Sister Kitch was the first member to be received into church fellowship after the Brethren in Christ opened a mission on Manor Street in Lancaster, Pa. He is survived by two daughters, Daisy, wife of Claud Jacobs, Lancaster, Pa. and Betty, wife of John Hershey, Downingtown, Pa.; also one son, John of Brownstown, Pa. and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the Groff funeral home in Lancaster, by Rev. J. H. Martin. Interment was made in the Mennonite Cemetery at Paradise, Pa.

Items from the News

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 20—Too much sentimentality is a bad thing for Christmas, a Yale Divinity School professor warned tonight.

"I am a little suspicious of those who yearn for a good old-fashioned Christmas, who dream of Christmas as it used to be, who get dreamy- and teary-eyed when they hear someone sing: 'A White Christmas' or even 'Jingle Bells,'" said The Rev. Browne Barr, Associate Professor of Preaching and the Parish Ministry at Yale.

The danger of sentimentalizing Christmas, he maintained, is that its deepest meaning may be lost "in the dim light of fireplace and festive table."

Mr. Barr, former pastor of Congregational churches in Waterbury and Middletown, Conn., said that the sentimentalization of Christmas is a greater threat to its religious significance than outright commercialization.

"Almost all thoughtful people are aware of the commercialization of Christmas and regret it," he said. "Many of them counteract it in their own observance of this Holy Season."

"Fewer people, I fear, are aware of the danger of sentimentalizing it," he said on the "Yale Interprets the News" program over WTIC (Hartford).

Mr. Barr pointed out that "the commercialization is obvious and hence not so dangerous."

"The sentimentalizing is respectable and subtle, practiced in Christian homes and churches as well as in the marketplace, and thus a greater peril," he declared.

"If Christ is lost in the Christmas rush, it isn't Christ, the manger baby who is lost, but Christ the man with nail wounds in his hands."

The central meaning of the birth of Jesus, according to Mr. Barr, is the Incarnation. This, he explained, "is the faith that God Himself was in Christ."

"To observe Christmas unaware of this primary teaching of Christian doctrine, to consider it unimportant or irrelevant, is to make Christmas purely a secular and sentimental festival," he contended.

Evangelical Visitor

"If God was incarnate in Christ," he went on, "if in Christ we meet the heart and will of God, then it is clear that God possesses at least the attributes of personality. He is not just the First Cause which started things rolling or an abstract power that works for righteousness, but He is a Person."

"This does not mean that we can limit God to what we know about human personality," he explained, "but we may at least understand Him in personal terms. We may believe with strong assurance that He is not less than the best we have encountered in human personality," he said.

Mr. Barr went on to say that "many earnest people in our time have a high ethical code, a sound sense of right and wrong. They sense the importance of morality. Yet they fail, again and again, as man always does, and are plunged into despair."

"What they need," he insisted, "in order to continue to live sensibly and usefully is forgiveness, renewal, the sense of a clean slate and a fresh start."

Leprosy Now Under Control

PRETORIA, South Africa (E/P) "We can now claim that leprosy is under control in the Union," said the Secretary for Health, Dr. J. J. du P. le Roux, opening a three-day conference on leprosy in Pretoria recently. He told delegates from the Union and neighboring territories that the incidence of leprosy in South Africa had fallen to .7 per 1,000. This year 1,931 cases in institutions throughout the Union had come before the Medical Board and of these 875, or 45% had been recommended for discharge from the institutions as cured.

Israel now has a direct air link with the United States west coast over the North Pole. On Nov. 15, the Scandinavian S.A.S. Airlines initiated flights from Copenhagen—over the North pole—to Los Angeles. There is already a direct air link between Israel and Copenhagen. The S.A.S. planes will leave twice a week in either direction. The flying time from Lydda to Los Angeles is 41 hours.

Gov. Herman Talmadge conducted a church service at Macon, Ga., as the state observed a "Day of Prayer for Rain in Georgia." The governor, speaking at Mabel White Memorial church, said he believed "with all my heart" that God will answer prayers for relief from the drought if Georgians pray "with faith, repentance, sincerity, fervency and in the name of Christ . . . There is no problem so great that it cannot be solved by fervent prayer reinforced by faith in God and His power to answer prayer."

Declares Russia and U.S. "Racing to The Moon"

BONN, Germany (E/P) Dr. Walter Gerlach, deputy chairman of West Germany's Space Research Society, said recently the United States and Russia have begun a "race to the moon." German researchers believe the first nation to get a space station able to watch all earth's activities will be master of the globe, he declared.

Gerlach reported his organization had heard rumors that the United States already has worked out plans for a three-stage rocket capable of mastering earth's gravity. German scientists believe the Rus-

sians can succeed in space travel research if given enough money and material. They point out the Russians have some very capable men, both of their own nationality and hired German researchers.

Texans Break Record For Giving

DALLAS, Texas (E/P) Texas Baptists contributed a record-breaking \$7,994,260.63 for the co-operative missions program during their 1953-54 fiscal year ended Oct. 31. This was almost a million dollars over the goal of \$7,000,000 set by the Baptist General Convention of Texas and \$470,928.34 more than the amount raised last year.

Fifty per cent of the proceeds was sent to Southern Baptist Convention headquarters in Nashville, Tenn., for world missions and cooperative work. The other 50 per cent was designated for state causes. Sharing in the fund were nine Baptist schools in the state which received \$1,530,239.06 and the seven Texas Baptist hospitals, which got \$761,325.66. The remainder was used for state missions.

The August, 1954, birth rate was the highest ever recorded, 369,000 up from the previous high recorded in August, 1953; and the figures for the first eight months of this year also set a new record, no less than 2,640,000 births.

Gospel Expanding in Korea

DALLAS, Texas (E/P) South Korea is on the threshold of a new era in Christian expansion as a result of the recent war with the Communists, Methodist Bishop H. J. Lew said at Dallas. "We are building many churches, but the people are turning to Christianity in such numbers that we cannot build fast enough," he told newsmen. The American-educated leader of 200,000 South Korean Methodists is in the United States in connection with the Bishop's Appeal for Korea conducted in Methodist churches across the country on November 14.

Testament League To Invade Mau Mau Area

NEW YORK (E/P) Kenya, turbulent scene of the murderous Mau Mau raids against white men and white sympathizers, will be one of the first three territories to be reached by The Pocket Testament League's great Africa Campaign when it is launched in January. Evangelistic teams will distribute many thousands of Scripture portions and preach the Gospel in mass meetings in this No. 1 trouble spot of Africa. The other two territories in which the campaign will be initiated are the Belgian Congo and Tanganyika. The three states border each other in Central Africa. The Scripture portions distributed will be printed in the six main languages of the three territories: Bangala, Kingwana, Lingala, Swahili, Kikamba and Kikuyu.

PTL Evangelistic Teams will employ the methods of modern mass evangelism which have proved so successful in campaigns in China, Japan, Formosa and Korea. They will travel by gospel sound trucks, where there are roads, and hold rallies out of doors, preaching over the powerful public-address systems from the platform tops of the trucks. Missionaries and native Christians will serve as interpreters for the teams. In the cities and larger towns, Gospel rallies will be held in large public buildings where they are available.

What of the areas inaccessible by truck? Says PTL Foreign Secretary Glenn Wagner: "Our rugged gospel sound trucks have carried PTL teams over some of the roughest dirt roads in the world in the cam-

Missions Abroad

India

General Superintendent: Dauram Madhipura, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. William R. Hoke

Saharsa Mission: Saharsa, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Dr. and Mrs. George E. Paulus, Misses Mary B. Stoner, Esther G. Book, Evelyn Bohland

Barjora Mission: P.O. Tirbeniganj, via Murliganj, N. E. Rlwy., Dist. North Bhagalpur, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Pye, Misses Ruth E. Book, Mary J. Shoalts

Madhipura Mission: Dauram Madhipura, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. William R. Hoke

Banmankhi Mission: P.O. Banmankhi, N.E. Rlwy., Dist., Saharsa, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Allen S. Buckwalter, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph B. Smith

Purnea Mission: Brethren in Christ Mission House, P.O. Madhubani, Purnea, N.E. Rlwy., Dist. Purnea, N. Bihar, India. Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Engle

Ulubaria Mission: Ulubaria, Howrah Dist., West Bengal. Rev. and Mrs. A. D. M. Dick

Africa

General Superintendent, P.O. Box 711, Bulawayo, S. Rhodesia: Bishop and Mrs. A. M. Climenhaga

Matopo Mission P. B. T. 191 Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. Alvin J. Book, Rev. and Mrs. Ira M. Stern, Miss Mary H. Brenaman, Miss Elizabeth H. Engle, Miss Mary C. Engle, Miss Ethel C. Heisey, Miss Nancy J. Kreider, Miss Dorothy M. Martin, Sr. Anna Wolgemuth

Bulawayo Outstations, P. B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. Roy H. Mann

Mtshabezi Mission, P. B. 102 M, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia Mission: Rev. and Mrs. Glenn C. Frey, Miss Velma R. Brillinger, Miss F. Mabel Frey, Miss Ruth T. Hunt

Outstations: Rev. and Mrs. Chester F. Wingert

Hospital: Dr. R. Virginia Kauffman, Miss Martha L. Lady

Wanezi Mission P. B. S. 129 Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.

Mission: Rev. and Mrs. J. Earl Musser, Miss Anna R. Engle, Miss Miriam L. Heise, Miss

Mary E. Heisey, Eva Mae Melhorn

Outstations: Rev. George E. Bundy

Macha Mission, P. B. Choma, Northern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Hershey, Miss Anna M. Eyster, Miss Pauline E. Frey, Miss Anna J. Graybill, Miss Edna M. Switzer

Hospital: Dr. and Mrs. Alvan E. Thuma, Miss Edna E. Lehman

Sikalongo Mission, P. O. Box 131, Choma, Northern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. A. Graybill Brubaker, Jr., Miss Gladys I. Lehman, Miss Anna L. Kettering

Nahumba Mission, P. O. Box 173, Choma, Northern Rhodesia: Rev. and Mrs. H. Frank Kipe

Japan

11 Higawara, Hagi City, Yamaguchi Prefecture, Japan: Rev. and Mrs. Peter A. Willms

Israel

Bishop and Mrs. Jesse F. Lady, P. O. Box 50, c/o M. G. Griebenow, Jerusalem, Israel

Missionaries on Furlough

Sr. Effie Rohrer, 2421 Oneida St., Pasadena 10, Calif.

Elder and Sr. George E. Paulus, Box 38, Souderton, Penna.

Sr. Verda C. Moyer, 41 Hillside Ave., Souderton, Pa.

Sr. Beulah Arnold, c/o Albert Schock, R. R. 2, Hershey, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. David Climenhaga, Grantham, Penna.

Miss Shirley Bitner, Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada

Miss Rhoda Lenhert, c/o Dr. P. G. Lenhert, Arcanum, Ohio

Miss Fannie Longenecker, R. R. Abilene, Kansas

Miss Annie E. Winger, Delisle, Saskatchewan, Canada

Miss Florence Hensel, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Lula Asper, c/o Norman Asper, R. 2 Harrisburg, Pa.

Miss Erma Z. Hare, c/o Loy Hare, Allen, Penna.

Miss Leora Yoder, R. 2, Mechanicsburg, Penna.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis Sider, 2001 Paxton St. Harrisburg, Pa.

paigns in rural Japan and Korea. When we run out of roads in Africa, we'll travel by canoe, animals, or on our feet. After nine years of training in the Far East, PTL teams are ready for just about anything." Alfred A. Kunz, Executive Director of PTL, states: "We believe this African campaign is the greatest opportunity the Lord has yet given us to reach lost souls with the Gospel. We urge every American Christian to support the campaign—prayerfully and financially."

Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Visits the American Bible Society

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, expressed her appreciation of the work being done by the American Bible Society when she visited the Bible House during her recent stay in New York City.

Special exhibits had been arranged at the Bible House, showing not only a number of Scriptures from the Society's historical collection of Bibles, but its current books, in both English and foreign languages, that are being used by the Bible Society in its world-wide work.

During a short ceremony, before invited guests that included the staff of the Society, Queen Elizabeth was presented with one of the Society's regular King James edition of the Bible. The inscription on the cover read in part:

Approved to be read in churches
Enshrining in its printed pages

THE ONLY SURE FOUNDATION

FOR ENDURING WORLD JUSTICE AND PEACE

"It gives me the greatest pleasure to accept this Bible as a gift from the American Bible Society," said the Queen as she received the Book. "The work that you are doing, in collaboration with the British and Foreign Bible Society in London, is an inspiration to Christian people everywhere. I can truly say that the King and I found great comfort and strength from our reading of the Bible."

The 49th annual Founder's Week Conference of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, will be held in the brand new Torrey-Gray auditorium building.

The new auditorium, now under construction, will be dedicated during the week-long conference, January 31-February 6, marking the 118th anniversary of the birth of the Institute's founder, Dwight L. Moody. It also will honor the 100th anniversary of his conversion.

Among the 15 outstanding speakers to be heard during the conference are: Dr. Charles E. Fuller, of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour broadcast, Los Angeles; Rev. Alan Redpath, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago; Dr. David Laurie, Evangel Baptist Church, Portland; Dr. Paul S. Rees, First Covenant Church, Minneapolis; J. Oswald Sanders of Auckland, New Zealand, general director of China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship; Dr. E. Schuyler English of Philadelphia, editor of *Our Hope* magazine.

Still others to be heard are: Dr. J. Vernon McGee, Church of the Open Door, Los Angeles; Dr. Robert Munger, First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, California; Dr. Bernard Ramm, author, philosophy professor, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas; Evangelist Eddie Martin, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Dr. H. D. Burkholder, Grace Bible Institute, Omaha; Dr. William E. Kuhnle, Garfield Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rev. Roy L. Laurin, Pasadena; R. E. Harlow, Emmaus Bible School, Oak Park, Illinois.

Anton Marco, baritone, former opera star, who sings for Latin America Mission

evangelistic campaigns, will sing at the Hymnspiration program on Sunday afternoon, February 6. The Moody Chorale also will perform, directed by Donald Hustad, head of the MBI sacred music department.

More than 3,000 alumni are expected to attend the homecoming celebrations on Tuesday, February 1, slated as Alumni Day. A missionary symposium is scheduled for Thursday afternoon, February 3.

Declares Secularism Bred in Christian Colleges

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P) American colleges are breeding grounds for secularism, Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, chief of religious policy for the United States Information Agency, told members of the Washington Ministerial Union here. "Some of the worst examples of secularism are in those colleges founded by religious organizations," he declared. "They seem a little ashamed of their origin so they try to be just as worldly as some of the big state institutions."

In many such schools, the daily chapel is maintained just for "appearance" said Dr. Trueblood, who was professor of philosophy at Earlham, (Ind.) College before coming to his present post in Washington. But he said there is a "wonderful recovery" in progress in some colleges which have come to "recognize their heritage and approach it without apology."

Credits Christianity With Cutting Japan Divorces

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P) Christian influence in Japan was credited here by Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, Japanese evangelist and labor leader, with having cut the divorce rate in his country to one-fourth its former level. Dr. Kagawa told a community worship service sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches that 60 years ago 32 per cent of all Japanese marriages ended in divorce but now only 8 per cent end in the divorce court. By contrast, he pointed out that in one strongly Buddhist prefecture of Japan the divorce rate is still 18 per cent. "While the number of Christians in Japan is still small," he said, "western influence is strong and this influence carries with it the Christian concept of marriage based on love and of woman as an individual with a soul of her own. This has greatly improved the position of women in Japan and has made for more stable family relationships."

The Japanese leader said he was at a loss to understand why, in the same period of time, the divorce rate in the United States has increased from 5 to 25 per cent. "I am told that only 2 per cent of those who go to church faithfully ever get divorced, so perhaps it is just that not enough Americans go to church," he added.

Senate Leader Expects New China Aggression

WASHINGTON, D. C. (E/P) Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland maintained that Red China will launch a new aggression "within a year" and that the United States "must have the will" to stand up against it. "I think the Chinese Communists will move somewhere within a year," he said. "The fact they are talking about Formosa doesn't mean it will be that. It could be Korea again or to the south."

Knowland said when an attack comes, the United States should make an issue of it. But he warned against a bluff "if we aren't ready to act."

"We shouldn't talk unless we're ready to follow through," he said. "That only convinces the Communists, as it has in the past, that we won't act next time. That made us what they call in the Orient a 'paper tiger.' Unless we are willing to sacrifice those people to Red slavery we must have the will to stand." Knowland made the statements in a question and answer interview with *Fortnight*, a California news magazine. He emphasized he was speaking for himself rather than the administration with which he is frequently at odds on foreign affairs.

The new tax bill which President Eisenhower has signed into law, raises from 20 to 30 per cent the amount a taxpayer may deduct from his income by reason of charitable contributions. However, it provides that the additional 10 per cent must be limited to gifts to "a church, a convention or association of churches, or a regularly established educational institution; or a hospital."

What We Need for 1955

(Continued from page eleven)

that will answer our everyday problems and questions, and enable us to be helpful to others. How much more effective my witness could have been if I had had all three references at my fingertips instead of only one. And perhaps if the other girl had read and understood several months before the chapter I read to her that evening, the problem could have been by-passed entirely.

But that gives the remedy even before the situation I was going to suggest as a weakness characteristic of many of us Brethren in Christ young people. I believe we need more stability—young people who find out what they should believe, and then believe it. And it is not enough just to sit down and figure out by pure logic, reasonable though it may seem, "I will believe this and this and this." We must read and study and obey prayerfully the specific commandments and the general principles taught in the Bible, and with that have a simple childlike faith that believes these precepts are for each of us. Then our personal logical views may still be important, but not primary. We will be more steady Christians, for our faith will not be based on our various moods, which often effect our reasoning, but will be based on God Himself.

—Ruth Herr